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Dear Chairman Apo and Members of the City Council:

I would like to make it clear I am speaking as an individual and not a police officer or a representative of the Honolulu Police Department. RECEIVED

I have been a police officer in Honolulu for over twenty-seven years and am currently assigned as a detective in the Homicide detail. Since 2001 I have worked closely with Dr. DeAlwis and her staff in death investigations. Dr. DeAlwis has partnered with our administration and detectives to create an atmosphere which best service the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu.

She also makes herself available to the homicide investigators for consultation on a twenty-four hour basis, which has been critical to our success, and an important aspect as to why Honolulu has one of the nation's highest percentages of solved murder cases.

It is an honor for me to be able to voice my support of Dr. Kanthi DeAlwis and hope the Honolulu City Council will confirm her appointment as the Chief Medical Examiner in the City and County of Honolulu

Respectfully, Theodore Coons